

THIS WEEK IN THE MISSOURI HOUSE

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FLOOR ACTIONS

The House third read and passed the following bills:

- **HB 744**, which creates the Missouri Family Recovery Plan Fund and the Economic Stimulus Fund in the state treasury to receive moneys provided under the federal American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.
- **HCS HB 242**, which allows school districts to establish a four-day school week upon a majority vote of the school board.
- **HB 287**, which classifies sawmills and planing mills as agricultural and horticultural property instead of commercial property for property taxation purposes.
- **HB 65**, which allows rural empowerment zones to exist in any county with 18,000 or fewer residents and prohibits more than two rural empowerment zones in any county.
- **HB 86**, which increases the outstanding shares and surplus threshold amount used to calculate a corporation's franchise tax.

BY THE NUMBERS

House Actions
as of 3/02/09
9:30 a.m.

# House Bills Filed	916
# of HBs Referred to Committee	612
# HBs Reported Do Pass	39
# HBs Reported Do Pass Consent	32
# HBs Perfected	7
# HBs Third Read	7
# HBs Reported Do Pass in the Senate	1
# HBs Third Read in the Senate	0

Dates of Interest

- March 12 - Spring Break begins
- March 23 - Spring Break ends
- April 1 - Last day to file bills
- April 13 - Easter Break
- May 8 - Appropriation bills must be Truly Agreed and Finally Passed
- May 15 - Session ends
- July 14 - Deadline for the governor to sign bills
- September 16- Veto session begins

Photo of the Week



Rep. Sara Lampe (D-138) discusses legislation with Rep. Maynard Wallace (R-143) on the House floor.



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COMMITTEE ACTIONS

- The **Budget Committee** passed **HCS HB 14**, which appropriates money for supplemental purposes for several departments and offices of state government for the purchase of equipment payment of claims for refunds for persons, firms and corporations. (2.25.09)
- The **Special Committee on Urban Issues** passed **HB 116**, which expands the crime of assault of a law enforcement officer, emergency personnel, or probation and parole officer in the first, second or third degree to include a transit operator or a metro vehicle operator. (2.23.09)
- The **Senior Citizen Advocacy Committee** passed **HCS HB 154**, which requires the state to make diligent efforts to locate the grandparents of a child needing emergency placement and requires the grandparents to be given first consideration for foster care placement. (2.23.09)

FAST FACTS

- Since 1976, the most bills filed in a General Assembly was 2,626 bills during the 94th General Assembly. The most bills TAFP was 262 bills during the 83rd General Assembly.
- Members have filed 916 bills so far this session. At this point in past sessions, members had filed:
 - 2008 - 1,044 bills
 - 2007 - 1,053 bills
 - 2006 - 987 bills
 - 2005 - 697 bills

Did you know?



Jefferson City was laid out by Daniel Morgan Boone, the son of the frontiersman. The town was incorporated in 1825, and the General Assembly moved there in 1826.

- The **Special Committee on Health Insurance** passed **HB 218**, which changes the laws regarding eligibility for coverage under the Missouri Health Insurance Pool, and **HB 229**, which changes the laws regarding health insurance. (2.24.09)
- The **Special Committee on Workforce Development** passed **HB 258**, which allows the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations to establish rules to implement the federal minimum wage provisions and adds provisions regarding employees who receive tips. (2.23.09)
- The **Rules Committee** passed **HCS SCS SB 313**, which creates two separate funds within the state treasury to receive and retain funds provided under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. (2.26.09)
- The **Crime Prevention Committee** passed **HCS HB 496, 615 & 623**, which changes the controlled substance classification of all methamphetamine precursor drugs from Schedule IV and Schedule V to Schedule III, requiring a physician's prescription. (2.25.09)